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IAEA BOARD

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SUMMARY: LOCAL CONSULTATIONS REVEAL THAT NOTWITHSTANDING
ONGOING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE COMPROMISE, THERE IS LITTLE
LIKELIHOOD THAT COMPETITION FOR ITALY'S DESIGNATED SEAT
ON BOARD WILL BE RESOLVED THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR (CASTRO-RIAL) PAID SECOND CALL ON
ME MAY 23 TO DISCUSS FURTHER HIS GOVERNMENT'S WISHES TO
PROCURE DESIGNATED SEAT ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS. PLAN,
WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN COORDINATED WITH SWEDEN, TRACKED
THAT DESCRIBED BY SPANISH VISITORS TO DEPT (DESCRIBED REF A).
NOTE THAT THE PLAN IS END-RUN AROUND INEVITABLE
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ITALIAN OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATION IN ROTATIONAL PATTERN
AND CLEARLY CONTEMPLATES ANNUAL ROTATION OF SPAIN AND
SWEDEN IN ADDITIONAL DESIGNATED SEAT. CASTROARIAL NOTED
THAT HIS CALL ON ME WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY CALLS ON REPS OF
U.K., FRANCE AND FRG AS WELL AS INDIA.

2. I REITERATED POINTS WE HAVE MADE IN RESPONSE TO

PREVIOUS SIMILAR APPROACHES, I.E., WE SYMPATHIZE WITH DIFFICULTY CAUSED WE GROUP BY CLOSELY COMPETITIVE CLAIMS TO ADVANCED STATUS BUT HOPE THE GROUP CAN RESOLVE MATTER INTERNALLY. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WITH WE GROUP ALREADY OCCUPYING FOUR OF THE TWELVE DESIGNATED SEATS, PROPOSAL WOULD PROBABLY BE OPPOSED BY OTHER REGIONS, NOTABLY EE, UNLESS THEY RECEIVED SOME COMPENSATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I NOTED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT QUOTE THREE WISE MEN UNQUOTE HAD BEEN ASKED TO REDRAFT THE CRITERIA FOR ADVANCED STATUS WHICH THEY HAD PRODUCED LAST SUMMER AND INQUIRED AS TO PRESENT STATUS OF CRITERIA EXERCISE. CASTRO-RIAL REPLIED THAT A SECOND DRAFT HAD INDEED BEEN PRODUCED BUT THAT IT WAS SO WORDED AS TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THE THREE STATES WAS MOST ADVANCED.

3. U.K. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE (SLATER) PROVIDED MISSION FOLLOWING UP-DATE OF SITUATION: SECOND DRAFT ON CRITERIA HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO WE MEMBERS AROUND MAY 1, BUT SO FAR NO COMMENTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. SWEDES HAD SEVERAL TIMES APPROACHED HIM REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THEIR LONG STANDING DEMAND THAT ITALY AGREE TO ROTATE IN ITS PRESENT SEAT. SLATER HAD REPLIED THAT IF, AS WAS LIKELY, ITALY REFUSED TO AGREE TO THIS AND MATTER WAS PUSHED TO SHOWDOWN BY SPAIN AND SWEDEN, U.K. AND ALL OTHER EEC STATES WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY SUPPORT ITALY.

4. REGARDING ADDITIONAL DESIGNATED SEAT FOR WE, SLATER TOLD US HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL IF CONFIDENTIAL

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IT APPEARED POSSIBLE, IN CURRENT TALKS, TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON A LIMITED EXPANSION OF BOARD TO ADD 2 - 3 MEMBERS. IF, HOWEVER, SUCH AN AGREEMENT WERE NOT REACHED AND QUESTION OF REVISION OF ARTICLE VI WERE THROWN OPEN TO EXTENSIVE HORSE-TRADING IN COMMITTEE OF BOARD POINTING TOWARD LARGE BOARD EXPANSION, HE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO SEE THAT INTERESTS OF WE IN SUCH AN EXPANSION WERE PROTECTED.

5. SLATER CONCLUDED BY VISUALIZING TWO POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF THIS ISSUE, NEITHER OF WHICH WOULD RESOLVE ISSUE THIS JUNE: (A) STUDY OF THE ISSUE OVER THE COMING YEAR WITHIN THE WE GROUP, USING THE SECOND DRAFT OF CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE QUOTE WISE MEN UNQUOTE (LEAVING ITALY ONCE AGAIN A DESIGNATED BOARD MEMBER); (B) CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL DESIGNATED WE BOARD SEAT IN CONTEXT OF AN EXTENSIVE OVERHAUL OF ARTICLE VI SHOULD THE PRESENT INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON THAT QUESTION BREAK DOWN.STONE

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